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THIS LOOKS GOOD

COUNTY AGENT HELPS STOCKMAN KEEP FEEDING RECORDS.

In many cases, particularly in the West, the stockman has rather
stood aloof from extension effort and has considered the county agent
as a farm agent. Sometimes he has felt that the county agent not only
had nothing of value to him but that his helping the "farm" people was
even inimical to his interests as a stockman. This is happily being
overcome, though extension effort with livestock is unquestionably more
difficult than with farm crops, it being more difficult to make visible
results.

County Agent D. C. Lascom, in Larimer County, Colorado, assisted
a stockman in his feeding work, as is indicated by the following report:

"Thursday morning, I went to R. G. Maxwell's farm,
west of town, and helped him weigh his cattle
which had been fed on alfalfa and corn silage
since the Stock Show. We found that some of
his steers and heifers eighteen months old are
now weighing one thousand pounds. One big cow
that was sucking a calf weighed sixteen hundred
pounds; an eighteen months old bull weighed
eleven hundred and seventy pounds. The informa-
tion which we obtained will be used during the
silo campaign this week. It shows the possibil-
ity of good corn silage in combination with
alfalfa. These animals are in good condition
and since the Stock Show have had no corn what-
ever except that in the silage. In many cases
here a three year old steer will not weigh one
thousand pounds, whereas, in this case we find
that without any extra feed or care an eighteen
months old steer weighs a thousand pounds."

Such demonstrations as this are convincing, and multiplying such in-
stances will bring the sympathetic support of the stockmen.

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